

off) the voracious *Rdkshasa*, the impious, the double dealer—drive away our sin.

STJKTĀ II. (CY.)

The *Rishis* are PAB.VATA and KĒBADA ; the metre as heḥbre.

1. ¹Hymn₃ friends, the *Soma* purified for the Vazga VIII exhilaration (of the gods), gratify him with oblations and praises as (men gratify) a child (with ornaments).

2. *Indu* being sent forth is sprinkled (with the waters) as a calf (is nourished) by its mother—the protector of the deities, the exhilarator^ graced by praises.

3. This (*Soma*) is an instrument for invigoration; he (is useful) for speed (and) for the banquet of thy gods; he is effused most sweet flavoured for the gods

4. ²Powerful Im>u who art effused, pour upon us (wealth) comprising cattle and horses; I mix the pure juice with the curds and milk.

5. lord of our bay-coloured (cattle), INDU, who hast a most brilliant form, do thou who art kind to the priests be for a light to us as a friend (gives light) to a friend.

6. Do thou (show) us thy ancient (friendship), drive away the impious voracious (*Rdkshasa*);
IMHJ

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also *ibid.* I. 6. 2. 3: 4f

² Verses 4 to 6 war Sama Yeda, IE. 7. 3. 20; Terse4

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Hid. I. 6. 2, 3. 9. The Sama Veda resds *dhdray**